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Why Children Turn Violent!

The recent schoolyard murder of four Arkansas girls and their teacher by two very young boys was front-page news not only in America but all over the world.

Why should these young boys spray bullets into a crowd of their peers? How could such young hearts turn that coid? Anyone who says there is a single cause is ignoring the complexity of the problem.

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It's clear that kids who grow up surrounded by violence on the street, in the home, in electronic games become less sensitive to it. A lack of parental authority places any child at risk - especially if television is running all day. It is not true that kids are doomed to stimulate every atrocity that they see on TV or in video games. But experts agree that a constant exposure to television can distort children's sense of the world. When violent action is all they see, the lesson they learn is that everybody does it and that is the way to behave.

However, without access to guns, these kids might break a couple of windows. It would be a little pain, but it wouldn't be mass murder. Unfortunately, kids have access to five-arms. Americans have 200 million of them. More than half of these arms are stored unlocked, 16% are both unlocked and loaded. Andrew Golden, the young boy implicated in the last assault had long boasted to friends that he could get to his family weapons anytime he wanted. He wasn't kidding!

Short of banishing guns, can we hope to prevent such tragedies in the future? Experts say many kids could be diverted from killing if parents and teachers simply paid more attention to what children say. Many kids give clear indications, but they are not taken seriously. We need to take violence threats as seriously as we take threats of suicide. Care takers and peers should intervene when they see a child withdrawing, or exploring in rage over everyday frustrations. More important, experts say, we need to teach children to resolve conflicts in a calm and peaceful manner.

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I. COMPREHENSION:

Base your answer on the text

A. Choose the right answer:

This article is about:

a) Child abuse

b) Street killing

c) Teenage crime

d) TV violence

I should .....

2. You must pay Taxes no matter who you are.

Regardless of .....

3. Jim didn't film the accident as his camera was out of order.

If .....

4. If you don't respect his will, he won't rest in peace.

Unless .....

5. They walked quickly because they wanted to be home quickly.

.....so as to .....

C. Complete these sentences with the correct form of the words between brackets.

1. The police have given the following (describe) of the criminal.
2. The second world war caused a great deal of (destroy)
3. In 1940 the famine caused tremendous (suffer) in Morocco.

D. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense:

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B. Are these statements true or false? Justify

1. Children nowadays are exposed to violence everywhere.
2. Television teaches children that violence is a normal human behaviour.

C. Answer the following questions:

1. What event has started the recent discussion on children's violence?
2. Do American children have easy access to arms at home? Explain?
3. According to the writer, how can we prevent school violence? Give two examples.

D. Find in the text words meaning almost the same as:

1. Imitate (paragraph 3): .....
2. Violent attack (paragraph 4): .....

II. LANGUAGE:

A. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate connectors from the list: Since - however - except - although - consequently - such as

1. Children should not watch anything on television .....cartoons and educational programmes.
2. Most British people enjoy reading tabloid newspapers ..... "The sun" or "The daily Mirror".

B. Rewrite the following sentences beginning with the words given:

1. My friend Ahmed passed his final exam but I didn't congratulate him.

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Big city is where you can see many vehicles,many skyscrapers, many peple with a hurry pace of life. That place can fascinate us very much due to its light and luxury.Nowadays, more and more people want to live there because they see many advantages. Indeed, in a big city, people can have the best chances to work as well as can enjoy the best service and entertaiment.

In a big city, people can take the chaces to study and work best. There are many good University for u to choose in a big city. There you can express your ability to study what you like. Moreover, when you graduate, you also find it easier to find chances to get a good job with good salary, that is quite difficult in small cities or countrysides; because there concentrates many big companies and groups. Hence, many graduate students choose big cities to live and work. In short, it is where you can take advantages f yourself.

In addition, in a big city you can enjoy the best service and entertainment. Because there are many rich people here, they them. Lives in a big city are quite luxurius but you don't have to be worried when you are sick or suffer a disease because long as you have mulch money. What's more, in a big city you can enjoy new entertainment such as new games or luxury

city makes them tired with noise and dash. They like the slow pace of life in a countryside. But I think that you can live there ke to enjoy new things and want to have much money, which is very difficult to do in a countryside. However, when you get side will the best choice to live.

dvantages. However, you have to try your best to overcome all difficulties such as hard competition in workplace or polluted n face up to disadvantages of it.

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MIG MIG answered 7 years ago

Advantages and disadvantages of living in a big city

Advantages: The city is the place where all industrial cultural and educational centers are situated. In big cities you can find museums, theaters, clubs, cinemas ,big shops and hospitals, comfortable modern flats. Also in big cites you can fiend all sorts of entertainment such as cinemas clubs entertaining parks and so on. One of the most important comforts of big cites is that you can fast get everywhere you like by underground, bus, trolley bas.

Disadvantages: nowadays big cites there are a great amount of cars and factories Big cites suffer of overpopulation, dirty air, and water. The streets became noisy and after hard working day people cannot relax. The ecological conditions here are very bad because near my house a lot of industrial objects are situated.

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